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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY FACTORY IN JERUSALEM

1. IN RECENT SPEECH DEFMIN PERES ANNOUNCED NEW AIRCRAFT PLANT WOULD BE BUILT IN JERUSALEM. HE SAID THAT PLANT WOULD FORM VITAL LINK IN CHAIN OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS SURROUNDING JERUSALEM, LIKE PLANNED INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AT MAAALE ADUMIM. DURING MAR 4 VISIT TO ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IAI) I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE QUESTION OF LOCATION OF PROPOSED AIRCRAFT FACTORY IN JERUSALEM AREA. IAI CONFIRMED PLAN TO SET UP IL 60 MILLION FACILITY AT ATAROT AIRPORT IN JERUSALEM. PURPOSE OF PLANT, HOWEVER, IS TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, NOT TO PRODUCE AIRCRAFT.

2. COMMENT: ATAROT FALLS WITHIN POST-1967 MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF JERUSALEM AS DEFINED BY ISRAEL, BUT PRIOR TO THAT TIME AIRPORT AND SURROUNDING AREA WERE UNDER JORDANIAN CONTROL AND WERE NOT CONSIDERED PART OF MUNICIPALITY. ESTABLISHMENT OF IAI PLANT AT ATAROT WILL, IN ISRAELI VIEW, HELP MAKE CLAIMED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY AN ESTABLISHED FACT.

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